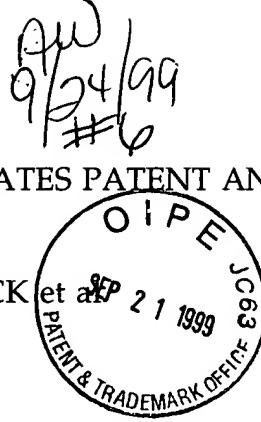


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any first office action on the merits, and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper.

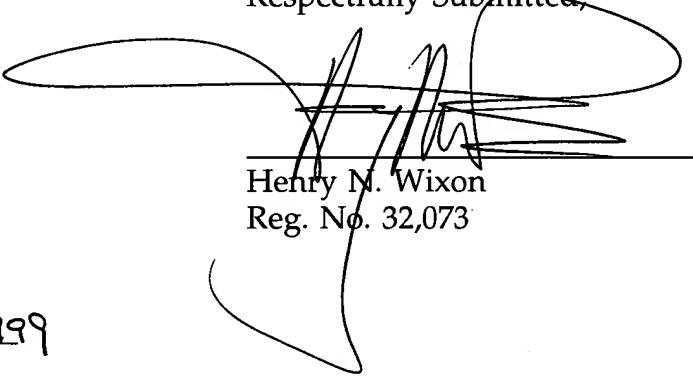
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Copies of the documents listed on the attached PTO form 1499 are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO 1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

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